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In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2002, applicants amend their application as follows:

ELECTION OF SPECIES:

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the species of invention characterized by the Examiner as Species A drawn to Figs. 1 and 7, and submit that claims 1-3, 19-22 and 32 are readable on the elected species.

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